

**THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2007 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING.**

**PRESENT:** Anthony B. Toran, President, Chas Hunter, Corporal Todd Bailey, Code Enforcement Officer Pam Badger, Traffic Division Supervisor Officer Joe Lewis, Fire Chief Ron Toran, Deputy Fire Chief Stanley Mason, Street Dept Director Chuck Simons, City Clerk Marcey Wisman, Building Commissioner Ron Hartman, Controller Kay Garry

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Mr. Toran called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item #1 - Eric Allas re: solicitor's permit for Southwestern.**

**Rima Siauruseviciute**, a student from Europe spoke to the board on behalf of The Southwestern Company in order to get a solicitor's permit to sell educational materials door to door.

**Mr. Toran** stated that they have been approved in the past and have sold this material for many years.

**Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Toran second, all voted in favor.**

**Item #2 - Ed Clere with Cardinal Ritter Foundation re: street closing 1200 block E Oak Street, Sunday July 22, 2007 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. for dedication of state historical marker.**

**Mr. Clere** addressed the board regarding the dedication of the historical marker for the Cardinal Ritter House on the Corner of 12<sup>th</sup> and Oak Street. They are having a neighborhood celebration and they would like permission to close the 1200 block of E. Oak Street on July 22 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the safety of the people at the celebration.

**Mr. Hunter moved to approve the closing of Oak and to work with the Street Commissioner for barriers and to close it from 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Toran second, all voted in favor.**

**Item #3-Officer Joe Lewis re St. Paul's Episcopal Church requesting three handicap spots**

**Officer Lewis** presented the board with requests for three handicap signs; 2 on Market Street and 1 on the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> Street in front of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He recommended that these be approved.

**Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Toran second, all voted in favor.**

**Item #4 - Rick Zoeller, Neace Lukens re: employee benefits insurance for the City.**

**Mr. Zoeller, Neace Lukens**, addressed the board asking to have the Humana insurance approved, and to have their contract to act as the City's agent approved.

**Mr. Hunter moved to extend the current employee benefits package, Mr. Toran second, all voted in favor.**

**Item #6 - David Pfohl re: dumpster 1901 E Market St. (for couple of weeks)**

**Mr. Pfohl** addressed the board regarding property that he is purchasing at 1901 E. Market Street that needs to be completely gutted and he needs to have a dumpster for a couple of weeks, but he may need it for longer.

**Mr. Hunter** stated that if he needs it for longer he can come back and ask for an extension.

**Mr. Hunter moved to approve for a three week period, Mr. Toran second, all voted in favor.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

## **COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:**

**Corporal Bailey** addressed the board regarding a request he had made for Sloemer for a road closure, which was canceled. He is requesting another one for Thursday July 12, 5:30 to 8:30 for the 200 block of East Cottom for a Neighborhood watch party and he said all the houses along this area are vacant so it shouldn't cause any issues.

**Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Toran second, all voted in favor.**

**Officer Lewis** addressed the problem with the traffic due to the construction on Mt. Tabor and Daisy Lane. He stated that people are funneling to Grantline from Schell Lane to Cherokee and he believes that they need to put in a three way stop at Cherokee and Grantline and one at Green Valley and Bono Road.

**Mr. Silliman, Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz**, presented the board with the detour routes for the Daisy Lane project.

**Mr. Hunter** said he was concerned with the one on Cherokee and Grantline because he has witnessed one or two cars getting stopped there for an extended period of time and they may have to utilize traffic control there either from the Police Department or some other type of traffic control officer.

**Corporal Bailey** stated that he believes that there should be a three way stop at the Bono and Green Valley intersection. He said he was there yesterday during rush hour and it was backed up to Gary Drive and he thinks this has been needed for a while regardless of construction.

**Mr. Hunter** said that they need to talk with the State or something about the issue at Cherokee because he believes this one could be dangerous.

**Mr. Toran** suggested that they all go out together today at look at some solutions for these issues.

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the traffic issues presenting themselves with the closures.**

**Mr. Hunter moved to approve a three way stop at Green Valley and Bono, Mr. Toran second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Hunter** asked Mr. Silliman to check with the State about the issue at Grantline and Cherokee and let them know if they need to have an emergency meeting this week to correct the problem.

**Mr. Toran** stated that he considers this an emergency and the State should be able to address this issue as such.

**Mr. Toran** stated that Jeff Gahan called about problems with the stop sign at St. Joe Road and asked if there was anything that they could do. People are not stopping at the sign when the light is green.

**Jerry Taylor** reported that there is a hole in the street on East 5<sup>th</sup> and they have barricaded it and are in the process of determining if it is a collapsed storm and sanitary sewage line.

**Mr. Dixon** presented a request from the Drainage Board stating that two of the seven employees who are being paid by the Drainage Board are no longer needed and they are requesting that the salaries and benefits no longer be taken from the Drainage Board funds. He said he is just the messenger for the board but it is his understanding that they do not feel they are getting service from Jim Brewer and Mickey Thompson in regards to drainage and they don't feel they should continue to pay them.

**Mrs. Garry** stated that she didn't think this was possible to do.

**Ms. Wisman** stated that the sewer funds paid wages for individuals that shouldn't have been paid by them for a long time.

**Mrs. Garry** stated that she doesn't have the funds to put these employees into any other department.

**Mr. Hunter moved that the request be denied,**

**Mr. Toran** stated that he would have much rather had someone come to him personally about this issue prior to it being brought here and made part of the public record. He stated that this is disrespectful of the employees that have been with the city for along time.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he isn't trying to defend anyone but this was already made public when the request was made at the Drainage Board meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>, he said he will bring it to the attention of the Board that they should have spoke with Mr. Toran, but he did what was asked of him and took the document to the Boards attorney and he told him that it needed to go before the Board of Works. He explained that he also spoke with the Mayor briefly about it.

**Mr. Hunter withdrew his motion**

**Mr. Toran** stated that he isn't going to do anything until he finds out some more information.

**Mr. Dixon** explained that he was told that the Drainage Board isn't going to take any action until September 1<sup>st</sup> and that this was just a means to notify the Board of Works as to what was going on.

**Mr. Hunter** asked what kind of actions they think they are going to be taking in September.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he isn't sure what they are planning to do, whether or not they are going to fire these individuals or they are just saying that they are no longer going to pay for the salaries of these individuals because they think they can get the services that they are providing elsewhere.

**Mr. Simons** stated that he is going to go on record about Mr. Brewer because he thinks his service and knowledge is invaluable.

**Mr. Dixon** stated that he is not disputing that for the Street Department, but that the Drainage Department is saying that isn't the relationship that they have with him.

**Mr. Simons** asked Mr. Dixon if he was in favor of this.

**Mr. Dixon** said he was just here to represent the Drainage Board on this issue and trying to give the Board of Works their point of view.

**Mrs. Garry** stated that they have to understand that the Street Department is \$600,000 in the red and can not take on the salaries of any other employees.

**Mr. Toran** stated that he believes they are trying to eliminate these positions not transfer them.

## **COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:**

### **BIDS:**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Mr. Hunter** moved that the regular meeting, executive session and grievance hearing minutes from June 19 are approved, Mr. Toran second, all voted in favor.

### **ADJOURN:**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Anthony B. Toran, President**  
**Board of Public Works & Safety**

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**Marcey Wisman, City Clerk**  
**Civil City of New Albany, Indiana**